



USMC Mechanical Breacher's Kit (MBK)

Overview:

The Mechanical Breacher's Kit is a tool kit that provides infantry units with an organic ability to breach man-made and natural obstacles without the use of explosives.

Description:

The kit consists of a 10-lb sledgehammer, a 30-in. halligan tool, and bolt cutters. All of the tools are electrically non-conductive and combat rugged. The tools can be carried by one Marine in the commercial backpack provided, or distributed throughout the squad, and carried using tool carriers developed by Natick Soldier Center. The kit also includes personal protective equipment (eye protection, gloves and cut-resistant sleeves).

The tools allow Marines to gain access through windows, locked doors, fences and various other obstacles in a MOUT environment.

Status:

The kit is still under development; the individual tools and equipment that will satisfy the needs of all users will be identified upon completion of the development phase.

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